

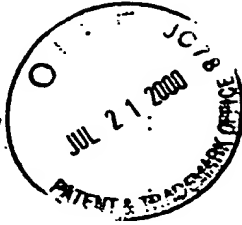
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert GARFIELD et al.

Serial No.: 09/121,849

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Examiner: H. Lilling

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Amend (Done)
7/27/00

For: TREATMENT OF PREECLAMPSIA, TOXEMIA AND PRETERM LABOR WITH COMBINATION OF PROGESTATIONAL AGENT AND A NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE SUBSTRATE AND/OR DONOR

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2000 (Paper No. 8), please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Amend claim 14 as follows:

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14. (Three Times Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an admixture of effective amounts of:

- (a) a progestin and
- (b) a nitric oxide synthesis substrate, a nitric oxide donor or both,

and, [optionally,]

- Contd.*
- (c) at least one of a cyclooxygenase inhibitor, a PGI₂-mimetic, a thromboxane (TXA₂) inhibitor, a PGI₂-mimetic, a thromboxane (TXA₂) inhibitor, a compound possessing PGI₂-agonistic and TXA₂-inhibiting properties, a compound possessing TXA₂-antagonistic and PGI₂-mimetic activities, and a TXA₂-antagonist, in amounts effective to ameliorate the symptoms of preeclampsia accompanied or unaccompanied by preterm labor in a pregnant